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General Comment:BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 Implementation of the NET 911 Improvement ) WC Docket No. 08-171  
 Act of 2008 )

COMMENT OF OKLAHOMA STATEWIDE NINE-ONE-ONE ADVISORY BOARD

The Federal Communication Commission seeks comment on the specific duties imposed by the Implementation of the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008 (?Act?) and the elements of the regulations the FCC is required to adopt. These comments are submitted by the Oklahoma Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board (?State Board?). The purpose of the State Board is to oversee development and operation of emergency nine-one-one systems in the state.? Title 63 Okla.Stat. ? 2847. The undersigned is the elected chairman of the State Board.

The State Board was created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2005, consisting of members drawn from the following categories (id.):

- ? The Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator
- ? One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APSCO)
- ? One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
- ? One member who represents the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML)
- ? One member who represents the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO)
- ? One member who represents the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC)
- ? One member who represents the Oklahoma State Law Enforcement Communications Association (OSLECA)
- ? One member who represents a substate planning district
- ? Two members who each represent a municipal government that operates a nine-one-one system and has a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000)
- ? One member who represents a municipal government that operates a

nine-one-one system and has a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) but less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000)

? One member who represents a municipal government that operates a nine-one-one system and has a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000)

? One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering-point duties and whose members are municipal governments with a population of less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000)

? One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering-point duties and whose members are municipal governments with a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000)

? One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county with a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000)

? One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county with a population of more than twenty thousand (20,000)

? One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county

? One member who represents a local exchange telecommunications service provider which serves less than fifty thousand (50,000) access lines in the state or a telephone cooperative

? One member who represents a local exchange telecommunications service provider which serves more than fifty thousand (50,000) access lines in the state

? One member who represents a Tier I wireless carrier, as defined by the FCC

? One member who represents a Tier II wireless carrier, as defined by the FCC

? One member who represents a Tier III wireless carrier, as defined by the FCC

? One member who represents a public or private entity that supports nine-one-one services or public safety providers

? The Oklahoma Secretary of Safety and Security or a designee.  
The statutory duties of the State Board are as follows (id.):

? Secure resources for the creation, operation, expansion, and cooperative undertaking of local public safety answering points

? Secure and direct the distribution of public funds and grants as needed

? Facilitate information-sharing among public safety answering points

? Create and maintain best practices databases for public safety answering-point operations

? Encourage equipment and technology sharing among small jurisdictions

? Take steps to expand enhanced wire-line nine-one-one service to every telephone user in the state

? Assist public-safety answering points in implementing Phase I and Phase II wireless technology

? Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for all telephone companies operating in the state and contact information and nine-one-one fees charged in each jurisdiction

? Develop training program standards for nine-one-one call takers

? Designate a Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator

? Take any steps necessary to carry out the duties provided for in the legislation.

On September 4, 2008, the State Board met in open meeting and adopted the following comment.

FCC Question: Should the Commission delegate authority to enforce any regulations issued under subsection (c) to State commissions or other State or local agencies or programs with jurisdiction over emergency communications? If so, what specifically should the Commission delegate and to which entity?

State Board Comment: The Oklahoma Corporation Commission should be delegated sufficient authority to ensure that each IP-enabled voice service provider has complied with its obligations under the Act before service can be offered to Oklahoma customers.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Thaxton  
Chairman

Oklahoma Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board